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SUBJECT: REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET NAM

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1. SITUATION IN INDONESIA CONCERNING POSSIBLE REFUGEES
FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET NAM AS FOLLOWS:

2. CAMBODIANS: ACCORDING GKR AMBASSADOR OUNG HIEAM,
THERE "ABOUT 30" COMBAOIAN IN INDONESIA, COMPRISED OF
EMBASSY PERSONNEL, FAMILIES AND SERVANTS. THERE ARE NO
UNOFFICIAL CAMBODIANS. WE BELIEVE AS LONG AS GOI
RECOGNIZES GKR IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY CAMBODIANS WILL BE
ASKED TO LEAVE. FURTHER, GIVEN CLOSE GOI RELATIONSHIP TO
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GKR, AS MOST RECENTLY SHOWN IN TREATMENT ACCORDED

LON NOL, IT REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT, EVEN SHOULD GOI
EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZE SUCCESSOR CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT,
PRESENT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD NOT BE FORCIBLY REPATRIATED.
MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR IS REQUEST FROM GKR AMBASSADOR AND STAFF
FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLEMENT AS OFFICIALS FUNDS RUN OUT.

3. VIETNAMESE: ACCORDING GVN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHIEF
NANG, THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT TEN SOUTH VIETNAMESE (SEVEN
EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES AT CHAMBER PLUS A FEW GVN-SPONSORED
STUDENTS AT BOGRO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY). THIS DOES NOT
INCLUDE A FEW VIETNAMESE WIVES OF AMERICANS RESIDENT IN
INDONESIA WHO HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED US CITIZENSHIP. AS
LONG AS GVN EXISTS, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THESE OFFICIALLY
CONNECTED VIETNAMESE WILL PRESENT REFUGEE PROBLEM.

4. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN ONE UNPUBLICIZED INCIDENT OF
VIETNAMESE PROFESSOR, WIFE AND SEVEN CHILDREN ARRIVING BY
BOAT ON SMALL ISLAND OF NATUNA GROUP AND REQUESTING
ASYLUM. GOI HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT TO DO IN THIS CASE
(WHICH COMPLICATED BY POSSIBILITY FAMILY HAS IMMIGRATION
RIGHTS TO AUSTRALIA); MEANWHILE ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED
FOR ANY REFUGEES WHO ARRIVE BY BOAT TO BE WELL TREATED
UNTIL DISPOSITION OF THEIR CASES MADE. GIVEN EXISTENCE
CONTINUING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEVEP RELATIONSHIP WITH
SAIGON, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY GOI WOULD TURN OVER TO
NORTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES REFUGEES FLEEING
COMMUNIST ADVANCE.

5. SINCE THERE NO IMMEDIATE URGENCY SITUATION HERE,
WE PLAN LET GOI HAVE OPPORTUNITY CONSIDER ITS OWN
PLANS/POLICY TOWARDS POSSIBLE REFUGEES BEFORE DISCUSSING
MATTER WITH INDONESIAN OR UN OFFICIALS.
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